

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. A locking fondue assembly, comprising:**
a pot assembly;
said pot assembly including a pot body and a pot lid;
a snap lock means at a top of said pot body releasably securing said pot lid
to said pot body;
a stand assembly;
said stand assembly including a stand base spaced from a stand top by a
plurality of stand legs;
locking means for detatchably attaching said pot assembly to said stand
assembly;
a burner assembly in said stand base opposite said pot assembly; and
said burner assembly including means for elastically securing a burner cup
in a burner receptacle positioned coaxially to a central axis of both said pot
assembly and said stand assembly, whereby said locking fondue assembly prevents
unintended separation and increases safety during a use by interlocking said pot
assembly with both said stand assembly and said burner assembly.
- 2. A locking fondue assembly, according to claim 1, further comprising:**
a plurality of pot feet extending radially away from said pot body opposite
said top of said pot body; and
said locking means enabling a rotational engagement between said plurality
of pot feet and said stand assembly when said pot body is rotated in a locking
direction and enabling a rotational disengagement of said plurality of pot feet
when said pot body is rotated in an opposing unlocking direction.
- 3. A locking fondue assembly, according to claim 2, wherein:**

said plurality of pot feet are spaced apart from both a bottom of said pot body and from said burner assembly;

said burner assembly including a burner cover on said burner cup;

said burner cover having a burner handle extending away from said central axis; and

said burner cover shielding said plurality of pot feet during said use, whereby said plurality of feet remain at a temperature suitable for placement on a work surface during a disengagement of said pot assembly from said stand assembly.

4. A locking fondue assembly, according to claim 3, further comprising:

a burner snap lock assembly in said means for elastically securing;

a burner cup edge extending from a bottom portion of said burner cup; and

said burner snap lock assembly elastically engaging said burner cup edge during said use, thereby elastically retaining said burner cup in said burner assembly during said use and preventing unintended burner cup separation from said stand assembly

5. A locking fondue assembly, according to claim 2, wherein:

said locking means includes a stand top and a stand cover plate;

said stand top and said stand cover plate joined coaxially along said center axis;

a plurality of first pot leg rotation guides on said stand cover plate;

a plurality of second pot leg rotation guides on said stand top;

a stop tab extending parallel to said central axis from each said first pot leg rotation guide;

a stand top locking mechanism extending from each said second pot leg rotation guide; and

each said pot leg respectively engaging at least one of said stand top locking mechanism and said stop tab during said use as said pot body is rotated in said locking direction, whereby said plurality of pot legs lockably engage with at least one of stand top and said stand cover plate and positively link said pot assembly with said stand assembly.

6. A locking fondue assembly, according to claim 5, wherein:

said stand top locking mechanisms each include at least a sloped portion, a flat portion, and an edge portion, whereby, during said use as said pot body is rotated in said locking direction respective said pot feet slidably engage respective said sloped portion and draw said pot assembly tightly to said stand assembly.

7. A locking fondue assembly, according to claim 2, further comprising:

at least one pot lid spring member extending from said pot lid in said snap lock means; and

said at least one pot lid spring member elastically engaging said top of said pot body, whereby pot lid is elastically retained in said pot assembly during said use.

8. A locking fondue assembly, according to claim 7, further comprising:

a pot lid opening in said pot lid;

said pot lid opening being coaxial to said central axis;

a plurality of fork slots radially arrayed about said pot lid opening relative to said central axis; and

during said use said locking fondue assembly enables at least one external fork member to insert through said pot lid opening and be removably retained by one of said plurality of fork slots.